GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SHORTAGE OF QUALITY SEED
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of acute shortage of quality seeds; and

(b) the steps taken to ensure availability of quality seeds to farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a) & (b) The overall certified/quality seed requirement and availability position during the last three years as well as for Kharif,2001 as assessed by the Government of India during the Zonal Seeds Review Meetings held prior to each sowing season are as under:

(Quantity in lakh quintals)

Year	Requirement	Availability
1998-1999	85.18	104.39
1999-2000	89.79	104.95
2000-2001	93.62	111.01
2001-2002 (Kharif 2001)	42.21	53.69

+ Systematic seed production is being undertaken by Seed Producing Agencies,including both Government and private seed companies.

Under various crop development programmes as well as the Macro ManagementScheme, funds have been provided by the Central government to States for production and distribution of certified/quality seeds to farmers.